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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the foreign patent documents are enclosed.

U.S. Patent No. 4,886,554, EP 0 858 115 A2, and Japan 10-212805 were cited in an international search report which issued in corresponding International Application No. PCT/JP03/03614. A copy of the international search report, with a mail date of March 31, 2004, is enclosed.

U.S. Patent No. 5,651,837 is believed to be in the same patent family as Japan 10-212805. An English-language abstract for Japan 10-212805 is enclosed.

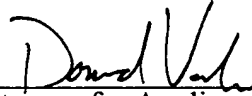
U.S. Patent No. 5,505,788, which is cited in the international search report, is already of record in the subject application. Accordingly, this document is not being cited herein.

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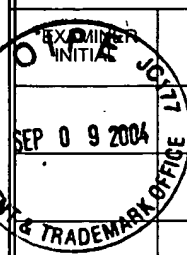
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